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IN RE CONTINUATION APPLICATION OF:

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FOR: Controlled Release Dosage Forms of Azithromycin

Assistant Commissioner for Patents

Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Preliminary Amendment

In the matter of the continuation application filed herewith, please make the following changes to the application:

In the Specification:

Please insert the following sentence as the first paragraph in the specification, immediately following the title:

---This application is a continuation of copending U.S. Serial No. 09/577,059 (fully incorporated herein by reference), filed May 22, 2000, which is a privision of U.S. Serial No. 08/727,634 (fully incorporated herein by reference), filed November 4, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 6,068,859, issued May 39, 2000, which is a 371 of PCT/IB94/00264, filed April 13, 1995, which is a continuationin-part of U.S. Serial No. 08/239,094, filed May 6, 1994, now alandoned.---